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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks, the allowance of claims 6-11 and the allowability of claims 3, 4, and 12. New claims 13 and 14 are essentially allowable claims 3 and 4 in independent form. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 14 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-14 are pending. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in proper condition according to §112.

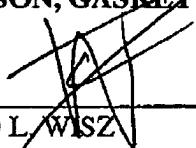
Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Tanaka* (JP 2002-89611) Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. *Tanaka* discloses that the temperature compensation valve is located at an end of the cylinder and along the axis of rod 6. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite a radial passage through said piston cylinder transverse to said axis to provide a communication path with said outer cylinder. *Tanaka* cannot meet the limitations of the amended claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., \$86 for one additional independent claim. Should any additional fees or extensions of time be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskcy & Olds, P.C.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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